JUDGES QUALIFICATIONS AND REFRESHER COURSES

Mrs. Owen Craig, chairman, gave the report of the Judges Qualifications and Refresher Courses committee at the Annual Membership Meeting in West End, Grand Bahama recently. The report was adopted and should be followed by all new and current judges. This report has been included in the minutes of the meeting and has been sent to all Chapters and officers of the AHS. If you are interested contact your president and ask to see a copy.

The major change from the present regulations was made in the Refresher Courses. The new regulations read as follows: "Each Senior Judge must attend and either judge, record or act as an observer in at least three (3) Hibiscus shows each season. All Senior Judges shall be required to visit a Nursery or Collector specializing in Hibiscus and spend at least three (3) one-half (½) hour periods in studying the blooms. This is to familiarize himself with the new blooms and refresh his memory of the old. These performances should be recorded and will help serve as a refresher course."

Some judges have been worried about qualifying if they are not asked to judge or if they are unable to accept when asked. It will be noted from the above that they need not judge but can act as observers or clerks and still qualify the refresher part. Any show chairman would permit this at any show. All a Senior Judge needs to do is ask.

Mrs. Craig has pointed out that the work of this committee is far from finished. She would welcome any comments or suggestions but asks that they be put in writing and mailed to her at Rt. #3, Box 721, Ft. Myers, Florida. Please drop her a line.

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The preacher at the close of his sermon discovered one of his deacons asleep. To teach a little lesson he announced, "We will now have a few minutes of prayer. Deacon Brown will lead."

"Lead:" said Brown suddenly awaking, "I just dealt."

LOUD SHOW OFFS

The winners of the loud shirt contest at the recent Annual Membership Meeting were Ben J. Rhodes of Pinellas Park taking first place and Ralph Philo of Ft. Myers latching onto the second place.

Mary Vickers of Pinellas Park; Dorothy Rhodes of Pinellas Park; and Betty White of Winter Haven took the honors in the ladies contest.

All winners received cash prizes.

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LOST CHAPTER

Word was received in the Executive Secretary's office recently that the Lake County Chapter had voted to disband. Seems that there were so few members left that it was just not practical to meet any longer. Mr. Roxy Martin, the president, stated that perhaps later it could be revived and built into a strong and active group, but at the present time they felt the best thing to do was to disband and those who were interested could remain members at large.

This action means that there will be no show on September 26th.

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